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Jane E. Henney, FDA Commissioner
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Dear Ms. Henney,

It is with great concern that I am writing to you regarding the U.S. policy that endangers our health. In our economically misguided greed, we as a nation have allowed the U.S. meat-packers and drug companies to pollute our food supplies by loading animal feed with antibiotics. This increases production and promotes faster growth with little regard to the long term effect that this will produce in the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria that will threaten our long term health.

The European ban on antibiotics is supported by the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization. We must re-evaluate our use of antibiotics. Have we totally lost our senses as well as our ability to fight over half of the strains of *Enterococcus faecium* with life saving drugs?

Please try to understand that health care costs will escalate when we have no effective drugs to treat what should be quite treatable infections. There is a growing aging population that will be far more susceptible to these antibiotic-resistant bacteria. All greed has a price, is ours in human life quality over animal production?

Mine is but a single voice, but with a microbiology background and an MBA, I believe I am qualified to have an educated say in this administration's poor decision not to prohibit this very dangerous practice.

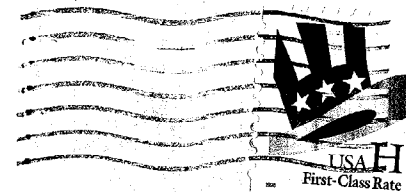
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